RULES FOR THE GRANT OF LICENSES FOR TIMBER AND OTHER PRODUCE.

For all timber and other forest produce sold otherwise than from forest or sale depots, a prepaid license must be obtained from persons authorized to grant it before any of the aforesaid produce can be cut, collected or removed by the purchaser.

2. License forms will be in books containing 50 forms in each in triplicate and shall be supplied only by the District Forest Officer. The forms should bear two printed numbers,—one book number and the other serial license number as in Forest cheque books. The former shall run on continuously for each kind of license not changing with the year, and the latter serially from 1 to 50. Such licenses should also bear the stamp of the District Forest Office.

3. Licenses will be of seven kinds as detailed below:—

1. For timber of reserved kinds	...	Printed on white paper.
2. For timber of unreserved kinds	...	Do yellow do
3. For firewood and charcoal	...	Do red do
4. For bamboos	...	Do blue do
5. For grazing	...	Do green do
6. For minor forest produce	...	Do brown do
7. For general	...	Do rose do

4. All license books will be supplied from the Stationery Office, Bangalore, to the Conservator of Forests in Mysore, who will keep a stock of them and supply as many as may be required on indent to each District Forest Officer, who will submit an abstract statement of receipts, issues and balances in hand in Form A.

5. The District Forest Officer will supply the license books to issuing officers either direct or through the Range officers on indent which should be accompanied by a statement in Form A.

6. An account shall be kept by the District Forest Officer and Range officers of all license books received and issued in Form B and of a ledger account in Form C. License books of all descriptions must be kept securely under lock and key, and the District Forest Officer and Range officers will invariably check and compare the numbers with the periodical statements on inspecting offices.

7. *License-issuing officers.*—There will be four classes of license-issuing officers, *viz.*:—

I would retain the Taluk Amildar in this category. He has been authorized by the subsidiary rules of 21st September 1889 to issue licenses for felling and removing bamboos, etc., from District Forests and it seems undesirable to divest him of this power. H. R.

1. Specially authorized Forest officers.
2. Specially authorized village officers.
3. Salaried license vendors.
4. Commissioned license vendors.

There shall not be more than three or four vendors in each Range, including Forest and village officers.

Village officers and commissioned vendors will receive commission ranging between a minimum of Rs. 6-4-0 and a maximum of Rs. 12-8-0 per cent on the monthly amounts collected. The limits within which Forest officers are authorized to receive and retain moneys, prescribed in Government Proceedings No. 2907-16—Ft. F. 16-96, dated 5th October 1899, should not be exceeded.

To ensure the success of the new scheme I would be more liberal in fixing the commission. It may well be allowed at double the rate recommended by the District Forest Officer. Kamaishdars are given their commission at this rate. H. R.

Security is not necessary in the case of village officers whose solvency and respectability are vouched for by Amildars, but in the case of others as well as of the last two classes, cash security in the shape of Savings Bank deposit for Rs. 150 or personal security for Rs. 300 should be taken. They should further execute an agreement for good behaviour in Form D.

8. License-issuing officers shall remit to the nearest Taluk Treasury the amount of their collections accompanied by a letter of advice as often as possible, but not less than once a month. License-issuing officers of the last two classes shall not retain in their hands revenue in excess of their securities.

In the case of patels who are appointed license vendors, the help of Forest subordinates may be given in carrying the remittances to the Treasury whenever necessary. H. R.

9. The commission earned by vendors of the second and fourth classes will be paid to them by the Range officers on receipt of their monthly accounts supported by Treasury receipts.

10. *License-recovering officers.*—Duplicates of licenses issued shall be recovered

1. Forest officers. 2. Specially appointed recovering officers. 3. Village officers.

Licenses should be checked and the produce covered by them compared, as far as possible, before the produce leaves the limits of the forest. Patels of villages should check every license taken out in their villages and recover the duplicates. All duplicates recovered by recovering officers shall be sent to the Range officer once a month.

But when the patel is himself the license vendor, an independent recovering officer will of course be necessary. H. R.

11. *How to write up license forms.*—Issuing officers will receive from applicants the prescribed fee on the produce applied for and write up all the three parts of the license form in accordance with instructions as regards locality, quantity, route, etc., which will be issued from time to time by the District Forest Officer. They shall sign and date each part, hand over the original and duplicate to the purchaser and keep the triplicate attached to the book as a counterfoil for record in his office.

12. *Duties of license issuing officers.*—Licenses should be issued at all hours of the day and no purchaser should be detained longer than it is necessary to receive his fees and write up the license. License vendors will remit all the collections into the Taluk Treasury with as little delay as possible. They will be solely responsible for the safe custody and transmission of revenue. They should maintain a register of receipts and issues of licenses in Form E and a daily abstract in Form F. A monthly abstract of the latter should be submitted to the Range officer in the same form supported by Treasury receipts. License books, accounts and cash will be open to the inspection of all Revenue, Forest and Police officers.

This will not be practicable in the case of the village officer whose Revenue and Police duties not infrequently require his attendance at the taluk head-quarters or elsewhere. To meet this difficulty, I would propose that he may be authorized to perform his duties as license vendor by proxy, during periods of his unavoidable absence from the village. H. R.

Counterfoils of used-up license books should be returned to the Range officer.

13. *Duties of Range officers.*—The Range officers will maintain the following registers:—

1. Register of receipts and issues of license books in Form B.
2. Ledger showing license books issued and returned by issuing officers in Form C.
3. Register showing abstract of monthly statements of permits issued and revenue realized in support of the entries in their cash accounts in Form F. This register will be compiled from the corresponding monthly returns received from the issuing officers. They shall take care to compare the figures with those entered in recovered duplicates. A copy of this register will be submitted to the District Forest Officer with the monthly accounts.

14. All revenue obtained by sale of licenses and credited into the Treasury should be exhibited with full particulars in the debtor and creditor sides of the cash book.

15. On receipt of the license-issuing officer's accounts, they should check them carefully, and, if found correct, disburse to vendors entitled to them the commissions they have earned. License books and accounts of license-issuing officers should be checked once a month by the Range Officers or Foresters.

16. The counterfoils of license books returned by issuing officers will be checked carefully with the monthly returns submitted by issuing officers, and any differences noticed shall immediately be brought to the notice of the District Forest Officer. Recovered duplicates of licenses will be compared with their corresponding counterfoils and pasted on to them, reporting to the District Forest Officer any differences noticed between them. Counterfoils of used-up license books together with the recovered parts shall be sent to the District Forest Officer for custody. District Forest Officers will check Registers E and F of license vendors and their license books at least twice a year and note the result in their weekly diaries. They will also check Registers B and C maintained at Range Offices and license forms, counterfoils and recovered duplicates of licenses and record the result in their half-yearly Range Office inspection report.

17. *Duties of recovering officers.*—As soon as produce has been checked with the license and found to be correct, the original and duplicate parts of the license shall be endorsed under the signature of the recovering officer with the words "checked and passed," and the endorsement shall be dated and the original license will be handed over to the person producing it and the duplicate retained for transmission to the Range Officer. Should the produce not agree in quantity or kind with that specified in the license, it will be retained and a report to that effect submitted to the nearest Magistrate or Forest or Police Officer.

Patels of villages will be held responsible for checking licenses and comparing the produce covered by them when such produce is removed into their villages and for the punctual transmission of recovered licenses to the Range Officer.

18. *Conditions under which the license is granted.*—The following conditions will be printed on the back of the original license for the guidance of the licensee :—

(*a*) The license is not transferable and must be shown on demand to any Forest Officer, any Revenue Officer or to any Police Officer.

(*b*) The licensee shall produce this for check with the produce before the Forest Officer from whose jurisdiction the produce has been removed or to any recovering officer specially appointed for the purpose or to the patel of the village into which the produce is removed.

(*c*) The licensee shall observe all the conditions stated in this license as to quantity and kind of produce and as to the locality where it should be collected and the road by which it should be removed.

(*d*) Any breach of the above conditions will render the holder liable to immediate cancelment of this license and to the punishment provided by law.

19. *General.*—If, before the expiry of the period mentioned in the license, the produce has not been cut, collected or removed in pursuance of the license, the license shall be deemed to be cancelled, but the licensee shall be entitled to an extension of the period upon his proving to the satisfaction of the Range Officer that the non-removal was owing to unavoidable causes, such as heavy rains, floods or any accident while in transit on his paying a renewal fee equivalent to one-fourth of the fee already paid. Such extension of period should be immediately intimated to the license-issuing officer for note in the original license.

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FORM A. *(To be printed in loose sheets.)*

Statement of license forms received, issued and balance in hand and those indented for, for the month ending 19 in

	Licenses for timber of reserved kinds	Licenses for timber of unreserved kinds	Licenses for firewood and charcoal	Licenses for bamboos	Licenses for grazing	Licenses for minor forest produce	General licenses
Opening balance ...							
Received during the							
Total ...							
Issued during the							
Balance in hand ...							
Number of license books indented for							

Date

Station

Name and designation of Officer.

FORM B. *(To be printed in book form.)*

Register of license forms received, issued and balance in hand in Range District.

Date	Particulars	Licenses for timber of reserved kinds	Licenses for timber of unreserved kinds	Licenses for firewood and charcoal	Licenses for bamboos	Licenses for grazing	Licenses for minor forest produce	General licenses
	Opening balance							
	Received from							
	Total ...							
	Issued to as per indent No. , dated							
	Total ...							
	Balance in hand							

Ledger of License Vendor at Range in account with the office,

Date	Particulars	Particulars of licenses issued								Date	Particulars	Particulars of licenses and counterfoils returned							
		Licenses for timber of reserved kinds	Licenses for timber of unreserved kinds	Licenses for firewood and charcoal	Licenses for bamboos	Licenses for grazing	Licenses for minor forest produce	General licenses				Licenses for timber of reserved kinds	Licenses for timber of unreserved kinds	Licenses for firewood and charcoal	Licenses for bamboos	Licenses for grazing	Licenses for minor forest produce	General licenses	
	Opening Balance ...																		
	Issued ...																		
	Total ...																		

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FORM D.

Form of agreement for good behaviour.

Memorandum of agreement between son of resident of village Taluk of the one part and the District Forest Officer on behalf of the Government of Mysore, of the other part. The said has deposited in the Government Savings Bank at the sum of Rs. as security for the due fulfilment of his duty as license vendor and the said agrees that he will exercise due care and diligence, and that in the event of his failure to exercise such due care and diligence, the District Forest Officer may credit the said sum of Rs. or any part thereof to Government, and neither the said nor his heirs nor assigns will have any claim to recover the said sum of Rs. or any part thereof from Government. The District Forest Officer on his part agrees to authorize the officer in charge of the Savings Bank to repay the said sum of Rs. to the said his heirs or assigns with interest after six months from the expiry of the said term of office, provided that the said shall not by neglect of duty or fraud have forfeited his claim to such sum.

Date

Station

District Forest Officer,

District.

License vendor.

FORM E. *(To be printed in book form.)*

Register of licenses received and issued by license vendor at Range.

Date	Particulars							
	Opening Balance							
	Received from the							
	Total ...							
	Issued to purchasers ...							
	Balance							

FORM F. *(To be printed in book form and loose sheets.)*

Daily abstract of licenses issued and amounts collected by license vendor at

Date	Description of produce	Number of licenses	Quantity	Rate	Value	Remarks
				Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	

ORIGINAL.

Book No. License No.

1. Name
2. Father's name
3. Residence
4. Particulars of

—	No.	Rate	Amount
Total ..			

5. From which Forest
6. Place of destination
7. Route
8. Time allowed

Date *Signature of Issuing Officer.*

DUPLICATE.

(To be sent to Range Office.)

Book No. License No.

1. Name
2. Father's name
3. Residence
4. Particulars of

—	No.	Rate	Amount.
Total ...			

5. From which Forest
6. Place of destination
7. Route
8. Time allowed

Date *Signature of Issuing Officer.*

TRIPLICATE.

(To be given to the licensee.)

Book No. License No.

1. Name
2. Father's name
3. Residence
4. Particulars of

—	No.	Rate	Amount
Total ...			

5. From which Forest
6. Place of destination
7. Route
8. Time allowed

Date *Signature of Issuing Officer.*